

CANNED AND CURED FISH

Pilchard

PILCHARD PACK: Although landings of pilchards at California ports continued to trail those of 1944-45 in November, this season's pack (1945-46) of canned fish improved its gains over the previous season, reports from the California Sardine Products Institute and the California Division of Fish and Game indicate. The pack from October 28 through December 1 was 932,912 standard cases, 24 percent over the pack of the corresponding period in 1944. This brought the total from the beginning of the season on August 1 to 2,841,093 standard cases, 18 percent over the 1944-45 figure to the end of November.

California Sardine Landings, Canned Pack and Byproducts

Item	Unit	M O N T H			S E A S O N	
		1 9 4 5 Oct. 28-Dec. 1	1 9 4 5 Sept. 30-Oct. 27	1 9 4 4 Oct. 29-Dec. 2	1945-46 Aug. 1-Dec. 1	1944-45 Aug. 1-Dec. 2
Landings	Tons	79,182	110,008	91,099	323,714	410,539
Canned	1 lb. ovals-48 per case	249,059	312,517	287,405	925,576	992,740
	1 lb. talls-48 per case	659,657	683,411	443,193	1,789,936	1,308,778
	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. fillet-48 per case	-	-	-	-	3,943
	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. round-96 per case	14,824	17,630	12,850	34,620	38,010
	Unclassified	9,372	32,060	9,987	90,961	71,167
TOTAL, Std. 1 lb.-48 per case		932,912	1,045,618	753,435	2,841,093	2,412,666
Meal	Tons	November 8,816	October 16,738	November 13,815	Aug.-Nov. 45,712	Aug.-Nov. 63,118
Oil	Gallons	1,403,751	3,663,909	3,040,705	10,196,208	14,985,938



Shrimp

SHRIMP PACK: Because shrimp supplies continued to be absorbed by fresh markets, canning of shrimp continued to be slow in November, according to reports to the U. S. Food and Drug Administration from plants served by its Seafood Inspection Service. From November 4 to December 1, 15,767 standard cases of shrimp were packed, bringing the season's total to 101,316 cases, 72 percent under the 1944-45 figure to the end of November.

Wet and Dry Pack Shrimp in all Sizes in Tin and Glass--Standard Cases*

M O N T H			S E A S O N		5-yr.-average July 1-Nov. 30
1 9 4 5 Nov. 4-Dec. 1	1 9 4 5 Sept. 30-Nov. 3	1 9 4 4 Nov. 5-Dec. 2	1945-46 July 1-Dec. 1	1944-45 July 1-Dec. 2	
15,767	25,623	39,452	101,316	365,809	463,431

*All figures on basis of new standard case--48 No. 1 cans with 7 oz. per can in the wet pack and 6½ oz. per can in the dry pack.



Tuna

TUNA PACK: The production of canned tuna by California packers during November totaled 276,574 standard cases, according to the California Division of Fish and Game. This was 21 percent less than the October pack but 50 percent more than the production in November 1944. The total pack during the first eleven months of 1945 amounted to 3,272,331 cases, 19 percent above the production for this period in 1944.

The pack of mackerel during November was 181,485 standard cases, 8 percent greater than October but 4 percent less than November 1944. The 11-month pack of 490,736 cases was 41 percent below the pack for the corresponding months in 1944.

California Pack of Tuna and Mackerel--Standard Cases*

Item	November	October	November	Eleven mos. ending with November--	
	1945	1945	1944	1945	1944
	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases
Tuna:					
Albacore	9,508	69,219	50,101	473,624	434,395
Bonito	9,351	17,457	978	46,711	6,109
Bluefin	557	7,250	973	265,951	367,004
Striped	86,794	167,512	41,829	471,873	333,130
Yellowfin	126,302	54,424	53,400	1,279,724	817,682
Yellowtail	3,161	3,985	197	13,807	19,630
Flakes	40,901	29,268	37,370	705,343	750,229
Tonno style	-	-	-	16,198	15,365
Total	276,574	349,115	184,848	3,272,331	2,743,544
Mackerel	181,485	168,512	188,727	490,736	834,047

*Standard cases of tuna represent cases of 48 7-ounce cans, while those of mackerel represent cases of 48 1-pound cans.



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